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000 for tolerance!

764 178 At death, different rites are given according to the age of the deceased. Formerly, children were just buried, fast. Today they are also buried, but after a Catholic funeral service. Before and now, among all groups, after four days a beast is killed and the house is cleaned up. After eight days they wash the hair and bathe (does this mean that they do not wash until then?) and throw all the dirt into the river. Anyway, they buried and still bury after one day.

The same treatment is given for a person of middle age or a mere adult. If the person is very old, more rites are held. The blake (means mother's brother, but also all affinal relations) must bring tusks, goats, pigs. Until these are brought, there is no burial. Formerly, the body would be kept until it began to smell. Evidently, this was a kind of shaming. But if it got too smelly, it was buried (and evidently they still bury under these conditions) finally even though no gifts came from the blake. For an old person, a little house would be built on the [656] grave. I gather that the government will not let them keep the bodies any more, so probably this practice is no longer kept up even by the pagans. Thus it seems that they have sanitary laws which have changed the death cult and rites over all Indonesia.

● 765 In the old days, after four days an animal was killed, and after eight days they had the wash up, cleaning of the hair, and the throwing of the dirt into the river. (This is clearly a rite to rid the community of the stain of death.)

764 178 656 And here it is, as I see it. Yes, he says the government now forces them to bury within a day. But until now, for an old person it was proper for the blake to bring a tusk and beasts.